# SHARPEN YOUR ORDERING SKILLS

RECIPIENT AGENCY CONSIDERATIONS

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Virginia Beach Commodity Value per Year, over \$1,300,000

#### **ENTITLEMENT**(Planned Assistance Level = PAL)

Know it

Use it

Monitor it

# COMMODITY REQUESTS MENU DRIVEN NOT COMMODITY DRIVEN

- Plan the menu, request commodities to fit the menu
- Follow a cycle menu to better plan commodity items & quantities
- Order specific commodities to cover day one through the end of school
- Match commercial and commodity specifications for seamless presentation to customers

- Direct ship
- Processing for a fee/fee for service
- Net Off Invoice
- Rebates
- Depart. of Defense Produce = DOD

Method for Recipient Agencies to Place Requests

> Electronic Commodity Ordering System= ECOS

Other request systems

- Availability of processing catalog
- Opportunities to examine processed products

Commodity processing food shows

Co-ops

Broker/manufacturer information

Review

National Processing Agreement = NPA approved processor list on FDD website for available vendors & products:

http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/national

- Ask questions
- Ask for help to solve problems:

Example: Cheese excess at one processor, no cheese at another for rebates

The State of Virginia and the two pizza companies facilitated a cheese transfer and rebates were paid

Not enough choices in your state?

Work cooperatively to bring about change

# LEARN WHAT OTHER STATES OFFER

Join the American Commodity
 Distribution Association

http://www.commodityfoods.org

### DIRECT SHIP/BROWN BOX VERSUS PROCESSED

Your storage and distribution capacity and methods

Frequency and timing of direct shipments

Storage costs

Processing fees/fee for service

Purchased product cost compared to:

Processing fees + storage fees

- Donated Food = DF per case
   Examine competitive brand yields, DF per case
- Labor
- Nutrient analysis
- Product quality
- Food safety, raw versus fully cooked

Are commercial and USDA processed equivalents available?

Are year round monthly/periodic shipments offered?

What are minimum pounds per shipment?

Are carryover balances allowed?

May help facilitate back to school orders (before USDA makes purchases)

May allow use of entitlement, otherwise declined

May help prevent local summer storage fees

- Will the processor substitute commercial product until the USDA commodity arrives?
- What is the order placement method with the processor?
- What is the lead time between order placement and product shipment?
- Can orders be adjusted once placed?
- Annual product quantity needed, look at: USDA quantity + Purchased quantity =

TOTAL NEEDED

## COMMODITY PROCESSING SUMMARY SHEET

#### Commodity Processing Summary Sheet School Year 2006-2007

As of 6/28/06

Company			Broker (	Contact Per	son		Manufa	_				
Broker Contact Information – Phone  Manufacturer Contact Information - Ph				Cell		_Fax	···	E-mail			-	
			noneCell			Fax		E-m	ail			
And Commodity Number	Estimated Carryover Balance	Pounds Requested On ECOS	Pounds Broker or Processor Reported as Allocated	Pounds Actual Carried Over	Total Pounds for the school year	Product And Codes	Summary End Product Data Schedule On File	Process Fee per pound	Process Fee per case	Case Weight	Serves Per case	If Rebate \$ Amt per Case
Minimum po	ounds per ship	oment										
Nutrient Ana	alysis on File											
Method of o	rder placeme	nt: on-line, fa	axed order fo	rm to broke	er, E-mail m	nessage or I	E-mail order:	form to bro	ker.			
Information	verified by th	e broker repr	esentative, si	ignature					, Date			
Carol Sykes,	SFNS - Virg	inia Beach C	ity Schools.	Carol Syke	s@VBScho	als com (7	57) 263-1101					

### TRACK COMMODITIES AND ENTITLEMENT

- Amounts ordered
- Amounts actually received
- Amounts due
- Timing of actual shipments compared to requested arrival months
- Carry over balances remaining
- Newly allocated balances

### TRACK COMMODITIES AND ENTITLEMENT

■ IF ON ECOS, Check ECOS for:

Entitlement balance left

Requests cancelled

New offerings

### TRACK COMMODITIES AND ENTITLEMENT

If entitlement remains:

Consult ECOS for current offerings

Ask the state agency for current offerings and/or to open ECOS for available offerings or if more opportunities to order will occur

#### USDA PROCESSING ORDER TRACKING

USDA PROCESSING ORDER TRACKING			Syke	s, SFN	s			ITEMS IN BOLD HAVE BEEN ORDERED																			
July 2005 thru June 2006		Virginia Beach City Schools						9.5 months of service														F	olanneo	1			
As of 6/28/06 EXAMPLE FOR ANC 2006			Carol.Sykes@VBSchools.com						4.2 av del/month after																S.		
			(757) 263-1101				40 deliveries SeptoJune				delivery	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Order	QTY	QTY	#s		
		Carry #s		#s	Total		Max	Aver	/ Del	Av per at 7/1																	
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CHEESE PROCESSOR A											//																
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BEEF PROCESSOR A																											110
Nov 05 to use entitlement, as shipped			0	24868	24868																						
Chili, beef & no beans																							0	0	0	0	0
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BEEF PROCESSOR B																											
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CHEESE PROCESSOR B														9/05													
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